

THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

# AUXILIARIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19



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# Vision

We are one team, working towards one goal – making sick kids better.

# Mission

To raise funds to assist the hospital in advancing the care of sick children, thus improving quality of life.

# Values

We show integrity in all our interactions, being moral, ethical, honest, transparent and trustworthy.

We display humility, being modest, not self-important; confidence in dealing with others.

We show gratitude and appreciation for the efforts of our donors and our colleagues.

We are compassionate, showing empathy in our dealings with each individual.

We are inclusive and respectful. We show loyalty and understanding.

The results of these values translates into action. We are known for delivery on our commitments.



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**Cover:** Templestowe Auxiliary member Glenda Fraser's family has supported the RCH for five generations. She is pictured here with her daughter Monique and granddaughter Florence, holding a photo of Glenda's mother Dorothy and her grandmother Doris. Read their story on page 26.



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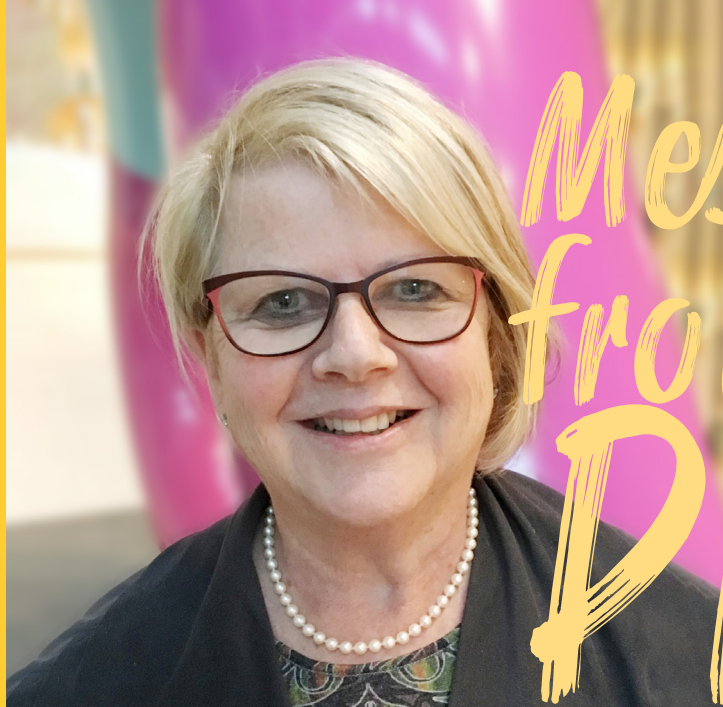
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## GRATITUDE

# 2018/19



# Message from the President

Once again, I have been amazed by your passion and dedication in raising funds for The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) throughout this past year. The contribution that all RCH Auxiliary members have made to the hospital is astounding and you should be incredibly proud of the \$1,424,423 raised for the 2019 Good Friday Appeal.

This remarkable figure reflects the countless events, market days and stalls you organise, along with all of the goods you make. I'm so pleased that we are able to highlight many of these throughout this year's Annual Report.

This last year has also seen the exciting introduction of new initiatives, including our first ever RCH Auxiliaries Good Friday Appeal Campaign which raised more than \$30,000, the RCH Gratitude Hub and the President's Fundraising Network's Giving Circles. New Auxiliaries have been established such as Friends of Children's Bioethics Centre and Kids Can (under the auspices of CasKids Auxiliary). Knowledge sharing also continued to be an integral part of Auxiliaries, with the introduction

of the Auxiliaries Workshop Series, including visual merchandising, stall product merchandising and food safety and compliance. It was wonderful to see so many of you come together for this new series.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Auxiliaries Executive Committee (AEC) members and Consultants for their time, commitment and expertise. This past year has seen the AEC focus on providing mentorship across the network, which I'm sure you would all agree has delivered immeasurable benefits for our fundraising endeavours. Larger Auxiliaries are continuing to lend a helping hand to smaller Auxiliaries and our tradition of collaboration continues to grow.

Thank you also to the RCH Foundation for their support throughout this past year. Peter Yates AM, Chairman; Sue Hunt, Chief Executive Officer and the Auxiliaries and Fundraising Team have articulated a pioneering vision to ensure we evolve and continue to grow long into the future.

As we approach the hospital's 150th anniversary in 2020, the RCH150 Auxiliaries Working Party has been established. As the hospital's longest philanthropic partner, Auxiliaries will play an integral role in next year's anniversary as we honour our great heritage, celebrate our world leading hospital and look forward to our bright future.

To all Auxiliary members, thank you once again. You are an integral part of a near century-long legacy of support for this great hospital. All of your hard work is helping to create a brighter future for sick children.

**Dr Miriam Weisz**  
President  
RCH Auxiliaries





# Message from the CEO

The past year has been another incredible year of fundraising for the RCH Auxiliaries. I would like to congratulate and thank each and every one of you, and your supporters, for your dedication and commitment to our hospital. It is truly an inspiration.

Your fundraising endeavours have transformed the lives of so many patients and their families. As Auxiliaries, you truly embody your vision - one team working towards one goal - making sick kids better.

This year, your collective fundraising resulted in a remarkable \$1,424,423 donation to the 2019 Good Friday Appeal. With these funds, you have supported life changing projects at the hospital. We are delighted to be able to share just how your support is changing the lives of our children in this year's Annual Report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Auxiliaries Executive Committee, ably led by President, Dr Miriam Weisz. Thank you for your dedication and inspiring leadership.

Auxiliaries are the RCH's longest philanthropic partner and it is befitting that as we approach your centenary, the hospital will celebrate 150 years in 2020. Throughout that 150 years, life changing and life saving developments in paediatric healthcare have occurred at the RCH. Philanthropy is at the heart of so many of these advancements through the support of people just like you.

This last year saw many wonderful fundraising initiatives including the transformation of the RCH Auxiliaries Gift Shop into the RCH Gratitude Hub. This engaging space now acts as a fundraising hub, information centre and a place to meet likeminded people and learn how to become a part of the RCH giving community.

There is still more to do and over this coming year we look forward to working with you on redeveloping the RCH Auxiliary Pods to further enhance your fundraising on campus.

Thank you once again for your friendship and commitment. You are wonderful ambassadors for the hospital, an inspiration to the RCH Foundation team and it is a privilege to work with you. I look forward to continuing to work together to make sick kids better.

**Sue Hunt**  
Chief Executive Officer  
The RCH Foundation

# John Stanway



At the RCH, we care for some of Victoria's most seriously ill and injured children, and with the exceptional support of our community, we're able to deliver the best care there is. The RCH Auxiliaries bring community support right inside the hospital.

As the number of children needing our care continues to increase, the support of the RCH Foundation grows and through this generosity we're able to implement innovative strategies to ensure we are best placed to manage this demand and deliver the highest quality of care.

Recent examples of this include the extension of our Hospital After Hours Program, to support the delivery of great care throughout nights, weekends and public holidays, our Fast Track Facility which has been established in our Emergency Department to treat children with low complexity injuries and illnesses, and the establishment of a Digital Command Centre, which draws data from our Electronic Medical Record to provide real time information to increase our clinical efficiency and care.

And these are only a few examples of the enormous impact philanthropy has had throughout our hospital.

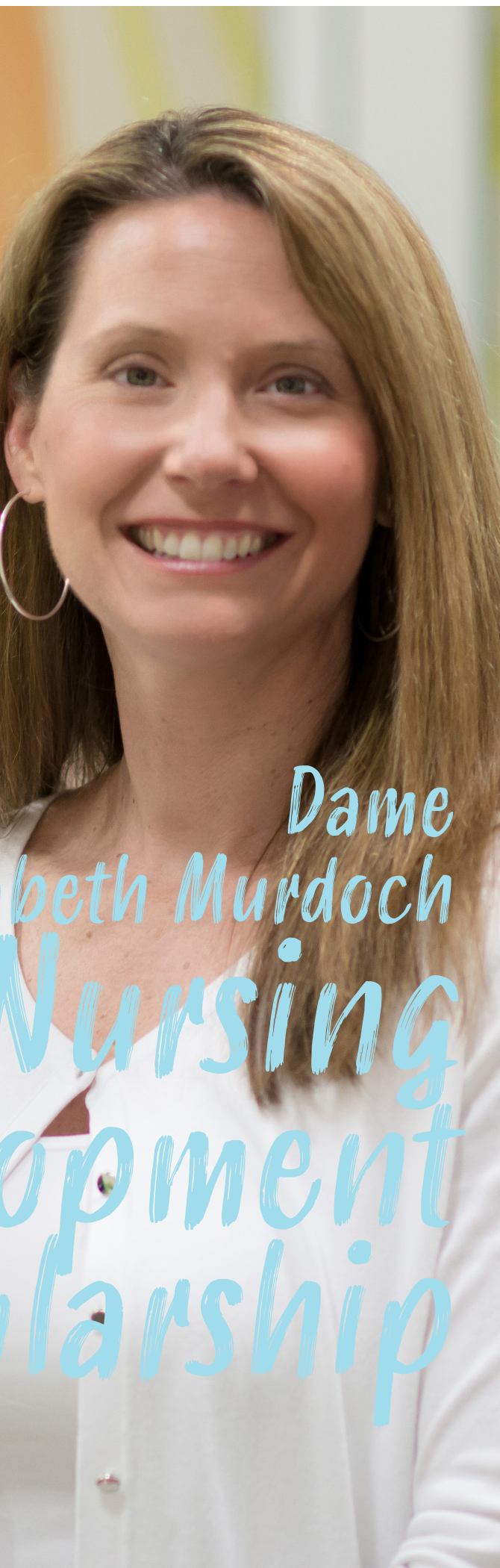
On behalf of all staff, patients and families at the RCH, I extend my sincerest thanks to every member of our RCH Auxiliaries, for another year of outstanding fundraising.

I'm exceptionally proud of this special 97 year partnership, and grateful that you choose to dedicate your time and efforts to our hospital.

**John Stanway**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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# Sonja Elia

## 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE DAME ELISABETH MURDOCH NURSING DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

It is an absolute honour and privilege to be the 2019 Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship recipient. The opportunities and experiences I have had this year have been the most outstanding to date. I am passionate about making a difference to child health outcomes, and being an immunisation nurse allows me to do this every day. However, delayed immunisation in Indigenous children is often due to a lack of appropriate services, bad experiences at services and reduced priority due to current life issues.

This scholarship opportunity has enabled me to increase my understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and develop the skills to become culturally competent at both a personal and professional level. I have attended an international meeting on Indigenous Child Health as well as met with Aboriginal liaison teams in Canada to gather ideas on enhancing vaccine delivery as well as providing sustainable immunisation programs to Indigenous peoples.

I am currently in the process of developing culturally appropriate health promotion materials to provide information to Indigenous peoples about the importance of vaccinating their children. A visit to remote Aboriginal communities in Far North Queensland will give me the opportunity to pilot these resources. Work is also being done on improving the Immunisation Centre to be a more culturally sensitive space, by incorporating traditional Aboriginal music, engaging with a local Indigenous Elder as well as supporting local Indigenous foundations.

Formal and informal lifelong learning is vital for nurses to stay relevant as frontline leaders in healthcare. This opportunity for career advancement ensures that I will continue to work as a leader in the field of immunisation, but also I hope to be a leader in promoting health outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples at the RCH.

I cannot thank the RCH Foundation and the RCH Auxiliaries enough for their hard work, dedication, encouragement and support of nursing development, and in particular for awarding me this incredible opportunity. I look forward to providing reports on the impact this funding will have on our Indigenous community.

**Sonja Elia**  
RCH Clinical Nurse Specialist

# 2018/19 Results

Absent Friends Auxilliary	\$3,776	Ezy Breathing Auxiliary	\$256
American Women's Association Auxiliary	\$1,708	Footscray Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary	\$6,700
aRCHers Auxiliary	\$2,627	Friends of the CBC Auxiliary	\$13,936
Auxiliaries Legacy Fund	\$41,830	Geelong Auxiliary	\$68,198
BEAD's Auxiliary	\$3,834	Haemophilia Auxiliary (HAUX)	\$2,264
Beyond Sight Auxiliary	\$2,056	Hawthorn Auxiliary	\$1,746
Bright Starts Auxiliary	\$1,672	Heart Throb Auxiliary	\$9,307
Brimbank Torch Auxiliary	\$2,186	Heart to Heart Auxiliary	\$31,652
Broadmeadows Auxiliary	\$16,991	Inverloch Diabetic Unit Auxiliary	\$13,006
Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary	\$128,608	Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary	\$12,523
Cancer in Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)	\$248,414	Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary	\$54,848
Caring Friends of CF Auxiliary	\$14,051	LARCH Auxiliary	\$13,148
Caroline Auxiliary	\$12,977	Let the Children Play Auxiliary	\$4,435
CasKids Auxiliary	\$33,804	Mish Mish Auxiliary	\$670
Caulfield Auxiliary	\$257	Neonate Mates Auxiliary	\$15,136
Charli's Angels Auxiliary	\$6,122	Pankina Auxiliary	\$857
ChIPSXiliary	\$17,936	Parkville Auxiliary	\$33,268
Courage For Kids Auxiliary	\$3,977	President's Fundraising Network	\$48,537
CPR-Cardiac Paediatric Research Auxiliary	\$3,685	RCH Volunteers Auxiliary	\$2,413
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary	\$91,992	Roxburgh Park Auxiliary	\$39,146
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Luncheon	\$126,908	Smiley Auxiliary	\$18,715





South Western Auxiliary	\$46,452
Southern Rainbows Auxiliary	\$11,979
St Kilda Auxiliary	\$12,527
Strokidz Auxiliary	\$2,365
Templestowe Auxiliary	\$62,354
The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary	\$68
Trailblazers Auxiliary	\$11,597
Transcend Auxiliary	\$34,249
VivaRCH Auxiliary	\$1,911
Wangaratta Auxiliary	\$13,620
Waverley Auxiliary	\$36,149
Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary	\$34,982

TOTAL \$1,424,423

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# Your impact









**Leadership:** Respiratory Medicine Fellow

## A new understanding of cystic fibrosis

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is widely referenced as the most common life-shortening disease affecting young Australians today, however with the advances in medical research and treatment, CF patients are now living longer than ever before. With these great improvements in life expectancy, many clinicians are now questioning the unknown long-term effects of living with CF.

Thanks to support from the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary, Tom Saunders, the 2018/19 Respiratory Medicine Fellow, is being supported to delve deeper into potential long term effects of CF and its treatments. Now in his second year of research of a four year grant, Tom spreads his time between clinical and research work.

"I was motivated to specialise in respiratory medicine because you get to help a huge variety of different kids. Everyone at some point in their life experiences difficulty breathing, and it was during my placement at the RCH that I developed a passion working with children and their families. It was through consultation with Professor Sarath Ranganathan, Director of Respiratory Medicine and Professor David Burgner, Group Leader of the Inflammatory Origins Research Group at MCRI, that we identified the cardiovascular effects of CF as an area desperately needing more research," said Tom.


What CF patients are hoping to prevent is atherosclerosis. This condition occurs when there's a build-up of fatty plaque inside the arteries. Over time, this plaque build-up blocks the arteries, stopping the flow of oxygen-rich blood to the organs including the heart and brain, potentially causing a heart attack or stroke.

Cardiovascular disease is the biggest killer of Australians. It is only relatively recently that experts have started showing that inflammation is the key culprit leading to disease, rather than just high blood pressure or smoking causing damage to arteries. And for patients with CF, this is a big concern.

"Patients with cystic fibrosis have lots of inflammation, and are usually underweight. As part of their treatment plans, we strongly recommend they have a high fat diet to help protect the lungs and put needed vitamins into their bodies. While this diet helps to support their childhood treatment, the long term effects on blood vessels and the heart have never been studied before," Tom said.

To better understand the potential impacts of CF on patient's arteries, Tom has developed a comprehensive process to measure cardiovascular health and potential long-term risk. Starting with a full family history of heart disease, Tom and his team will build a profile that includes the patient's height, weight and body mass index. He will be conducting ultrasounds of the larger arteries checking for any existing plaque, looking at the blood vessels at the back of the patient's eye, and finally taking a blood test to examine the activity of immune cells.





"Our aim is to enrol 50 per cent of Victoria's children with CF; around 150 young people aged 5 to 18 years. It's an incredibly ambitious study that no one has done before, especially not at this scale, and we're hoping it will provide some essential data on a patient's risk of stroke or heart attack in middle age to improve their quality of life," said Tom.

"Our hope is that if we can identify early changes that may put them at risk of a heart attack or stroke later in life, we can intervene in childhood and hopefully prevent it ever happening."

For Tom, this study is forming the basis of his PhD. Currently at the stage of ethics approval, Tom anticipates the research will take around six years to complete; two of which will be dedicated to data collection. As a Respiratory Medicine Fellow, Tom is managing this research alongside his clinical work on the hospital wards and in outpatient clinics.

"Without the support of the CF Research Trust Auxiliary, I wouldn't be able to have protected time to commit to my research, and this important research just wouldn't happen. Thank you so much for making this possible!"

# A new standing cystic fibrosis



# Reduce child immunisa





**Research:** Looking at innovative ways to minimise childhood immunisation pain and improve patient family experience

## Reducing childhood immunisation pain

Nearly every child feels some aversion when it comes to needles. In children and teens, the fear of needles can come from the fear of the pain, discomfort or the build-up of anxiety. For many children, the thought of having to have their routine immunisations can cause stress for the hours, days or weeks leading up to having their injections.

Immunisation nurse, Narelle Jenkins, believes two novel devices 'Coolsense®' and 'Buzzy®' could be the key to reducing the anxiety and pain associated with children getting their immunisations. A new study led by Narelle, funded by Templestowe Auxiliary, is looking into the most effective distraction and pain reduction techniques for children when having their immunisations.

The two devices will be compared to current standard care; which involves blowing bubbles to distract younger kids or using iPads for older children.

Coolsense® is a device originally developed and used for cosmetic procedures. It's a hand-held pain numbing device that acts upon application, without chemicals, to cool and numb the site of injection. Buzzy® is a vibrating device which incorporates a cold pack. The combined effects of the vibration and cold confuse the body's own nerves and distracts away from the injection and dulls or eliminates the pain.

Narelle has no misconceptions that these distraction and pain reduction devices will take that apprehension away completely, but she is hopeful that by finding the most effective technique for each age group of children it will reduce ongoing anxiety.

"You're never going to get children to walk out and think 'that was the best thing ever', but you just want for kids to think 'that wasn't that bad'. We want to minimise the pain and anxiety enough that the whole experience was ok - and get them coming back," said Narelle.

"If we don't manage it right when children first come into the Immunisation Clinic it can lead to needle phobia. We don't want this fear or anxiety

to affect anyone seeking medical attention in the future or not having vaccines in the future. Having that adequate pain management can reduce the risk of parental non-adherence with vaccinations."

The study will incorporate two large randomised controlled trials of around 500 children each. One will focus on younger children aged three and a half to 10 and the other will focus on older children aged 10 to 18 and investigate which of the three distraction and pain reduction techniques - Coolsense®, Buzzy® or current 'standard practice' - is best in each age group.

"The results of this study will guide our practice. No one is currently using these devices in an immunisation setting so we are really leading the way and can provide guidance to other immunisation service providers in the community on best practice."

Narelle is grateful to the Templestowe Auxiliary for providing the funding for her research which will inform care provided to children presenting for vaccines within the hospital and more broadly.

"I am extremely grateful that we were given this opportunity by the Templestowe Auxiliary to run these trials."

"We didn't have the resources within our immunisation service to set up the study, purchase the devices and run it without the funding support. Given we are here for the children of the hospital and community we want how we operate to be based on best practice. This funding has allowed us to start this trial as quickly as possible and we will be able to share our results with other immunisation providers and provide the best experience possible to kids."

**Patient and family centred care:** Caring for children with additional needs at the RCH

## Do you know me?

A hospital can be a scary place for any child and their family, but for a child with autism or intellectual disorders it can be even more traumatic. Children can be overwhelmed by noises, bright lights, unfamiliar things and people.

Through years of working with children with behaviour and communication difficulties and seeing the barriers these children face during their hospital stay, RCH nurse Emily Cull was inspired to create an innovative new tool which is now being utilised hospital wide.

Thanks to funding provided by the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund, Emily designed a 'Behaviour Support Profile' (BSP) which allows clinicians and allied health staff to document the non-medical needs of children being treated at the RCH.

The BSP asks a series of questions about the best way to communicate with the child: sensory triggers, things that the child likes and dislikes, strengths and abilities, calming strategies, behaviours of concern and information about their previous hospital visits. The BSP, which was created in consultation with parents and caregivers, was designed to enhance the child's experience whilst in hospital and ensure they are as settled as possible. The BSP has been built into the Electronic Medical Record so it is accessible by everyone on the relevant child's treatment team.

"The idea is that we may spend a little extra time at the start talking to families and gathering information about the child but the tool will save time in the long run. It's not rocket science stuff, but in the past there is nowhere formally to document children's non-medical needs and I was finding nurses were writing amazing notes that either weren't being read or were lost. This tool provides a place to document the child's needs and also saves parents time as they don't need to be repeating themselves every day," said Emily.

The BSP was initially designed for children with autism, anxiety disorders and intellectual disability. However Emily found that after trialling a paper-based version of the BSP across the Cockatoo, Kelpie and Sugar Glider Wards, she received feedback from other nursing staff who felt this could benefit a broader range of patients.

"Since testing the BSP on a number of wards I had nurses who would come up to me and say 'I've got this patient who is non-verbal or has cerebral palsy' so the behaviour side of things isn't relevant but the communication side of things is, or another nurse who was talking about one of her oncology patients who has severe anxiety and some behaviours of concern, so it can ideally be used for anyone," Emily said.

Whenever possible, parents will be contacted prior to their child being admitted to hospital and the BSP will be filled out in advance so the medical team can see what the child's specific needs are.

"The BSP works best when we know beforehand that the child is coming into hospital so we can arrange staffing and other things we need to take into consideration. Normally the ratio is four children to one nurse, but in some instances you need the ratio to be two to one or one on one; with this tool you can assess ahead of time whether the child has anxiety or behavioural concerns that may impact their admission," Emily said.



“There is a major focus on providing holistic care to children at the RCH, however this can only happen if the focus includes the non-medical needs of our patients as well. The future of children’s health needs to treat the patient based on their individual needs, not just their diagnosis and this tool allows us to do that.”

Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive as the tool has reduced the stress of a hospital stay, not only for the child but also for their family.

Verbal and written feedback from grateful parents includes; ‘you should use this tool for all patients like my son, this is just as important as his medical history’ and ‘the staff are now becoming more aware of my daughter’s needs and are responding and coordinating her needs to a much higher level - a great relief to us.’

The funding provided by the Auxiliaries Legacy Fund made Emily’s vision a reality, something she believes wouldn’t have been possible otherwise.

“This funding allowed me to have protected time each week to work on the BSP, to meet with parents and families and to trial it, which wouldn’t have been possible without the funding. It also ensured it was implemented much quicker - it would have taken a lot longer, if at all to this extent, so I am immensely grateful.”



How now me?





Making  
upgrades

**Equipment:** Upgrade of two ventilators for the Emergency Department

## Making cutting edge upgrades possible

Two new state of the art ventilators have been installed in the Emergency Department (ED) to help provide better respiratory support for all children admitted to emergency needing breathing assistance.

The ventilators in the four resuscitation rooms are used to provide ventilation to ED patients, including during medical imaging procedures and transfer to intensive care. Children requiring ventilation are some of the sickest patients treated in the ED and require high-level care.

The ventilators, which were purchased thanks to funding provided by the Werribee Ladies for Kids and CasKids Auxiliaries, ensure all the ventilators in the ED are uniform, and in line with what's used in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

Dr Stuart Lewena, who is the Director of the Emergency Department, said the new ventilators will improve patient safety through consistency of practice.

"The new ventilators permit seamless transition of care between the ED and PICU as both departments are now using the same equipment, increasing staff familiarity during this period of handover in care," Stuart said.

"It also means that all ventilators in the ED are now the same brand, again improving staff familiarity, simplifying training and reducing the risk of incompatible circuits between different types of ventilators."

Two of the ventilators that were previously used in the ED were not able to ventilate patients under five kilograms. In the past, these infants were often hand ventilated, which is less controlled than machine ventilation and staff intensive.

"In addition to the benefits of having a single model of ventilator, the new ventilators are superior in ventilating small infants compared to our previous models. The new ventilators can be used on the full spectrum of emergency patients including infants under five kilograms, who comprise 20 per cent of patients ventilated in ED," Stuart said.

"Previous models of the ventilators were also frequently requiring maintenance. There were many times when one or more ventilators were off site being repaired. We now have an adequate fleet of four ventilators guaranteeing constant availability to meet demand regardless of whether one or two are undergoing maintenance."

The purchase of the cutting-edge ventilators wouldn't have been possible without funding support provided by the Werribee Ladies for Kids and CasKids Auxiliaries.

"Our appreciation for the support of the Auxiliaries in maintaining access to up to date medical technology and equipment cannot be underestimated. This equipment is used on the most critically unwell children coming to our ED and ensures our capacity to deliver them the best care possible," Stuart said.



# Your support in 2018/19

In the past year, your funds have been distributed to the following projects.

## PATIENT AND FAMILY CENTRED CARE

### **\*Diabetes Screening Nurse**

Inverloch Diabetic  
Unit Auxiliary

### **\*Music Therapy for Neurosciences and Rehab**

Knox-Sherbrooke and  
Parkville Auxiliaries

### **\*Music Therapy Program for Kelpie**

Werribee Ladies for  
Kids Auxiliary

### **\*Parent-Child Mother Goose Program**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Ongoing Support of Neuropsychologist Position within the Children's Cancer Centre**

Children's Brain  
Tumour Association  
and Charli's Angels  
Auxiliaries

### **\*Social Work Liver Transplant Fund**

Yellow Ribbon  
Auxiliary

### **\*Social Work Samaritan Fund** LARCH Auxiliary

## LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### **Clinical Research Fellows in Respiratory Medicine**

Cystic Fibrosis  
Research Trust  
Auxiliary

### **\*Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship**

Dame Elisabeth  
Murdoch Nursing  
Development  
Luncheon

### **Developmental Training Coordinator**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

### **Solid Tumour Clinical Trials Coordinator** CIKA

### **Training Coordinator with a Focus on Disruptive Disabled Children**

Waverley Auxiliary

\*Grants funded in perpetuity

## EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

### **EOS Radiolucent Chair for Scoliosis Imaging Non Ambulant Patients**

Geelong Auxiliary

### **Freezer to support the Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank**

CIKA

### **New Traction Equipment**

Templestowe Auxiliary

### **Uroflowmeter for Continence Clinic**

Caroline Auxiliary

## RESEARCH

### **Children's Cancer Centre Tissue Bank**

CIKA

### **Improving Outcomes for Young People with Cerebral Palsy**

Special Kids EBC Auxiliary

### **Minimising Immunisation Pain - a Novel Initiative**

Templestowe Auxiliary

### **\*The Victorian Prader-Willi Register and Associated Research**

Do-Bees and Trailblazers Auxiliaries



# Your stories











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# Supporting our future leaders

Michelle Powell has been donating every year to the Good Friday Appeal since she got her first job at 18; having always wanted to volunteer for the RCH.

"I have always wanted to be involved with the RCH, through volunteering or fundraising. Children are our next generation and I wanted to contribute in any way I could to ensure they are happy and healthy," Michelle said.

As serendipity would have it, Michelle was talking to Dr Miriam Weisz, President of the RCH Auxiliaries, at a work event early last year about her desire to help out and raise funds for the hospital.

"I was speaking with Miriam and saying how I'd love to be involved in volunteering or fundraising. She said she was the President of the RCH Auxiliaries and that an Auxiliary 'Chip In' had been inactive for a few years. She asked whether I would be interested in reinstating it and getting members on board. I jumped at the chance," Michelle said.

The unique Auxiliary, rebranded as 'ChIPsXiliary', was reinstated immediately with Michelle serving as President alongside Jordan Hammond, who was previously a leader and member of the RCH's Chronic Illness Peer Support (ChIPS) program.

ChIPsXiliary raises funds in support of the ChIPS Program at the RCH, which offers support to young people aged 12 to 24 who have been diagnosed with a chronic illness. ChIPS, which has been running for over 20 years, offers young people the opportunity to develop networks of peers and mentors who understand the shared experience of living with a chronic illness; decreasing isolation and increasing connectedness for young people.

Word of mouth has seen the Auxiliary grow to five members with the support of RCH clinician Mick Creati, who fundraises in collaboration with those involved in the ChIPS program, including their first trivia night event which raised over \$7,000. Money raised is directed towards initiatives identified by the young people from the program including funding places for ChIPpers to attend camps and funding to support their participation of young people from rural areas.

"We have got into this great collaborative space with staff working on the ChIPS program and the kids within the program; we exist to raise money so they can do the things they need to do. One thing we are jointly working on at the moment is selling tickets for the musical that children and young adults in ChIPS have written and will perform," Michelle said.

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# The new faces of fundraising

'Community-minded', 'entrepreneurial' and 'passionate' are just some of the words often used to describe eighteen year old Lachlan Heywood.

As well as completing his final year of the International Baccalaureate and being President of 'Interact', a secondary school Rotary Club, Lachlan is taking on another challenge; launching Kids Can Auxiliary under the auspices of CasKids and taking on the role of President.

After helping out at a CasKids Auxiliary event waiting tables, Lachlan approached CasKids Auxiliary President Robyn Anderson about how he could get some young people involved in fundraising for the RCH.

"After the event was over, Lachlan approached me and asked how he would go about setting up a group of next generation supporters and what was involved," Robyn said.

Following the conversation, Lachlan came back to Robyn with the idea of establishing 'Kids Can', a youth wing of the longstanding CasKids Auxiliary. Lachlan and the other passionate members of the group have already come up with plenty of fundraising ideas and aim to raise \$10,000 in the next year.

"After volunteering with both CasKids and Cancer Crusaders Auxiliaries, I was inspired to continue to do work with the Auxiliaries. I also realised there was a lack of youth in Auxiliaries driving me to bring a new generation into their fantastic work at the RCH," said Lachlan.

Kids Can Auxiliary, like CasKids Auxiliary will raise money for the RCH Emergency Department.

"I see the CasKids Auxiliary members as mentors who will encourage those involved with Kids Can Auxiliary. We are aware that our knowledge of Auxiliaries and our passion and advice will be helpful to them. In turn, new people bring new ideas, new talents, wisdom and fellowship," said Robyn.

Robyn has every faith that the new generation of members, led by Lachlan will be a success.

"Lachlan is very entrepreneurial in his outlook and I can see he will be a success at whatever he decides to do. In every generation there are young people who stand out from the crowd and when you meet them you are inspired to support their vision. Lachlan is one such person," said Robyn.



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Auxiliaries









# Templestow Auxiliary



## The power of many

Glenda Fraser was predestined to be involved in the Templestowe Auxiliary, it was part of her DNA. With her grandparents, parents and husband involved, Glenda grew up living and breathing the Auxiliary and now passes the baton to her own children.

Glenda's grandmother, Doris Beale, was a founding member of the Auxiliary in 1939 and Glenda's mother Dorothy joined at just 13 years of age. She was a member for 70 years before she passed away in 2012; making her the longest serving member of Auxiliaries. Glenda's father, Don, was also actively involved from 1951.

"I'm proud to be a third generation member and part of our wonderful Auxiliary whose members are passionate about fundraising, but also have fun doing it. I can remember when I was growing up in Templestowe, my grandmother and mother were dedicated to organising functions and raising money, and they were always enjoying themselves. It was then I knew I wanted to continue the family tradition," said Glenda.

"I joined the Auxiliary in 1982 and the family tradition has continued with my husband, son and daughter helping with sausage sizzles, stalls, afternoon teas and garden parties."

Glenda's daughter Monique with her 11-month-old daughter Florence, often donates items for raffles, attends functions and regularly visits the Auxiliary members on their weekly stalls at the RCH. Florence is currently involved in a campus clinical trial - ensuring the family tradition of involvement will continue for generations to come.

Originally Templestowe Auxiliary started out raising money to buy equipment for the Platypus Ward, but their fundraising efforts now support projects right across the hospital. In the past the Auxiliary has funded a surgical treatment trolley, ultrasound equipment, orthopaedic traction equipment, and a treatment chair for the Day Medical Unit and Day Cancer Centre to name a few. The Auxiliary is currently directing funds towards the purchase of an infant radiant warmer and two video endoscopes.

"There have been many highlights, however to me and the members, the greatest thing has been being able to meet and converse with the parents and patients and to see them using the equipment you have helped fund. Last year we visited the Platypus Ward where we had recently purchased some orthopaedic traction equipment and we got to meet a young boy who was using the equipment; that was very heart-warming for us all," said Glenda.

"You can hand over money, but to be able to identify where it's going makes it more tangible. That's why we do it, to help improve the quality of lives of sick children."



## MESSAGE FROM THE GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Thank you to all of the Auxiliaries for your support in making the 2019 Good Friday Appeal such an overwhelming success.

The Good Friday Appeal is all about communities working together for a great cause. It's about friendships and hard work and a commitment to making a difference. To me, this also embodies the Auxiliaries and their enormous contribution. Because for many of you, being part of an Auxiliary is more than raising money. It's a chance to get together, forge bonds, support each other and make a difference to a cause that is close to all our hearts - the health and wellbeing of our children.

As Victorians, we are blessed to be part of a community where everyone understands the importance of having a world class hospital so that our kids get the best possible care. The Royal Children's Hospital is a hospital like no other and this is due to the commitment of the community who knows it makes a difference by supporting the hospital in vital equipment, education, research and family centred care.

In our 88th year, the Good Friday Appeal raised an amazing \$18,175,467 for The Royal Children's Hospital and we want to acknowledge the Auxiliaries throughout country Victoria, Geelong and Metropolitan Melbourne who so generously donate their time, talent and funds to make the Good Friday Appeal what it is - the people's charity.

**Anne Randall**

Director, Good Friday Appeal



It was another incredible effort by the RCH Auxiliaries this year, raising **\$1,424,423** for the Good Friday Appeal.

# Good Friday Appeal

**\$18m**

Over \$18 million was raised for the Good Friday Appeal in 2019

**22k**

22,000 people participated in the Good Friday Appeal Run for the Kids

**245**

245 regional and rural towns fundraised for the Good Friday Appeal this year

**\$43m**

Over \$43 million has been raised by the Auxiliaries for the Good Friday Appeal in our 97 years



Throughout the year you each form bonds and engage with your local communities of supporters to fundraise for the RCH. Profiled below are some of our newest Auxiliaries along with some new initiatives and events that have taken place to support the hospital.

# Auxiliaries highlights

## Friends of CBC Auxiliary

Established in December 2018, Friends of CBC will continue their passion of raising much needed funds for the Children's Bioethics Centre.

Initially formed as the Development Board for the Children's Bioethics Centre, this new Auxiliary features a team of passionate members who are committed to continuing their legacy of giving back to the hospital.

## The President's Fundraising Network

Led by the President of Auxiliaries Dr Miriam Weisz, the President's Fundraising Network (PFN) was launched in February 2018 and has already had a significant impact. One of the objectives of the PFN is to establish Giving Circles that engage people from different backgrounds and age groups to support a variety of projects at the RCH. The first Giving Circle established was Chai Impact, with its members donating \$36,000 for psychological support for children in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the hospital. For the first time, the President's Fundraising Network also raised funds for the 2018 Christmas campaign online. It supported the RCH Auxiliaries Good Friday Appeal Campaign and has been successful in attracting corporate sponsorship.

## Farm Foods Australia and CIKA

This year saw an exciting development in the partnership between Farm Foods Australia and CIKA. The collaboration raised \$10,000 from sales of their Next Gen burger packs over four months in Woolworths supermarkets. This innovative partnership also included additional fundraising activities arranged by the Farm Foods Australia team through workplace giving.

## RCH Gratitude Hub

This last year also saw the RCH Auxiliaries Gift Shop transform into the RCH Gratitude Hub. The new hub provides the RCH Foundation and the Auxiliaries with a greater fundraising presence in the hospital. This engaging space now acts as a fundraising hub, providing a meeting place to learn about how to become a part of the RCH Champions community.

## The Inaugural RCH Auxiliaries Good Friday Appeal Campaign

The inaugural RCH Auxiliaries Good Friday Appeal Campaign was held this year. This was made up of a volunteer phone appeal, emails and an SMS campaign which together raised an astounding \$30,000. The phone appeal saw over 30 Auxiliary members and corporate partners kindly volunteer their time to hit the phones in support of the RCH.



**Top to bottom:** Nick Kerr, CEO of Farm Foods with Dr Louise Ludlow at a recent visit to the RCH to learn about the impact of their support. The new RCH Gratitude Hub.







# RCH Auxiliaries AGM 2018











## *Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Luncheon 2019*









# Who you are









# RCH Auxiliaries Executive Committee



## PATRON OF AUXILIARIES **Louise Gourlay OAM**

Louise joined the RCH in 1982 as a member of the Board of Management. Louise was President of Auxiliaries from 1985 until 1994, becoming Patron of Auxiliaries in 1998. Louise received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1999.



## PRESIDENT

**Dr Miriam Weisz** - President's Fundraising Network

Miriam has a longstanding connection to the hospital, supporting the RCH Centre for Adolescent Health as Chair of its Development Board for 10 years. She continues her dedication and commitment to the RCH through Auxiliaries.



## VICE PRESIDENT

**Barbara Nicoll** - Secretary, Templestowe Auxiliary

Barbara has been dedicated to achieving the best outcomes for children throughout her life, from her more than 30 years in education, to her association with the RCH. Joining Templestowe Auxiliary upon retirement, Barbara has enjoyed the friendship and purpose of being part of an Auxiliary.



## SECRETARY

**Paula Appelhans** - President, American Women's Association Auxiliary

Paula is President of the American Women's Association and has led the AWA Auxiliary since late 2015. Paula's career has focussed on healthcare law and she is also a published researcher on disability issues in Southeast Asia.

**Susan Haywood** - President, Caulfield Auxiliary

Susan has been active in her community for years, successfully running a salon before moving into theatre productions as a wig mistress. A former RCH patient, Susan found the Auxiliaries nine years ago and has been a member of Caulfield Auxiliary, which she is working to revitalise.

**Helen Mann** - Immediate Past President, Parkville Auxiliary

Helen has been President of Parkville Auxiliary and has had a career in fundraising and supporting meaningful causes since 1971. Her involvement with the RCH began in 2001 when, as a member of the American Women's Association, she volunteered in the RCH Auxiliaries Shop.

**Janice Memery** - President, Broadmeadows Auxiliary

Janice is the President of Broadmeadows Auxiliary, of which she has been a member for 34 years. Janice's long history of supporting the RCH has been honoured with a Living Treasure Award. Janice also fundraises to support children and families affected by poverty in Cambodia.



**Julie Vlassis-Cooke** - American Women's Association Auxiliary

Julie joined the American Women's Association in 2013 and served on the board until 2016. She has a wealth of volunteer experience with major non-profit organisations in the U.S. and enjoys being part of the RCH Auxiliaries. Julie is a transition coach and counsellor for expats, providing guidance and support during their relocation.

**Sue Hunt** - Chief Executive Officer

Sue has worked across Australia in senior executive positions in the arts and non-profit industry for over 20 years. In July 2010, Sue returned to her home state of Victoria for the first time in over a decade to take up the position of CEO of the RCH Foundation.

#### TREASURER EX-OFFICIO

**Andrew Long** - Chief Financial Officer

Andrew has over 25 years' experience, primarily in the accounting, banking and finance sectors. His extensive senior management experience includes roles at Bendigo Bank Group and Multiple Sclerosis Australia where he was involved in the development and management of philanthropic trusts and foundations.

The AEC would like to extend a special thank you to the following Auxiliary members for their work as Consultants to the Committee:

**Robyn Anderson**

Past President, RCH Auxiliaries  
President and Secretary, CasKids Auxiliary  
Madge Tate Award Recipient 2012  
Living Treasure

**Gwen Bromley**

Past President, Geelong Auxiliary  
Madge Tate Award Recipient 2015  
Living Treasure

**Judy Conn**

Secretary, South Western Auxiliary  
Living Treasure

**Glenda Fraser**

President, Templestowe Auxiliary  
Living Treasure

**Louise Hastie**

President, Waverley Auxiliary  
Living Treasure

**Ruth Murray**

Treasurer, Cancer Crusaders  
Madge Tate Award Recipient 2018  
Living Treasure



# Auxiliary Reports

## ABSENT FRIENDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2010**  
President: **Lyn Lewis**  
Secretary: **Stewart Mackie**

This family-based group is once again thrilled to maintain its involvement with the RCH.

Thanks to Lesley Mackie and Val Perry who continued to travel into the hospital to man the Pods. Thanks also to Bunnings Cranbourne, Bendigo Bank Marriot Waters and the Best Western Hamilton Lakeside Motel for their support. Special thanks to Belinda and Marg Luke for taking over the shopping tour.

## AMERICAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Founded: **1931**  
President: **Paula Appelhans**  
Secretary: **Martha Bauer**  
Treasurer: **Irena Karoblyie Bauer**

The Executive Board along with Members of the American Women's Association have rallied once again over the past year to promote volunteering and fundraising at the RCH. Our members have been responsive to our call to action, making our fundraising events more engaging and further profitable. From members only charitable luncheons and dinners to onsite volunteering, we are very proud of our combined contribution. We hope our ongoing efforts continue to drive participation and positive outcomes for years to come.

## ARCHERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**  
President: **Dianne Humphreys**

aRCHers Auxiliary continues to attend the Auxiliaries markets at the hospital and remains committed to supporting the hospital. The aRCHers Auxiliary has funded research projects for the Stroke Unit in the past and continues to support research.

## BEADS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2012**  
President: **Jasmine Lai**  
Secretary: **Jo Buckle**

BEADS Auxiliary, which stands for Beat Every Autoimmune Disease Successfully, was established over seven years ago to help raise awareness of autoimmune related diseases like arthritis and thyroiditis.

We're committed to supporting the Rheumatology Department at the RCH and work to raise much needed funds for further research into these diseases.

## BRIGHT STARTS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2014**  
President: **Louise Farley**  
Secretary: **Jodi Kerr**  
Treasurer: **Brianna Wright**

This year Bright Starts collected several more members. We held a Good Friday Bake Sale at Monash Peninsula Campus where we raised approximately \$200, a Football Raffle where we raised approximately \$400 as well as a Christmas stall at the RCH.

## BROADMEADOWS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**  
President: **Janice Memery**  
Secretary: **Faye Eccles**  
Treasurer: **Christine Boden**

Our group of members continue to work hard raising funds while juggling family and work commitments. We have once again been successful and held a Bunnings sausage sizzle the Sunday before the Good Friday Appeal. It was a busy day and the Coburg community embraced us and the funds raised gave us a great boost for the year ahead. We continue to have a stall at the Wallan Market and our two high tea events of the year are always a sell out with 100 people attending. Our Auxiliary hopes to support the RCH for many years to come.



## CANCER CRUSADERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2013**

President: **Janine Langdon**

Secretary: **Sharron Markovic**

Treasurer: **Ruth Murray**

Cancer Crusaders has once again had a very busy year raising over \$128,000 for the Brain Tumour Clinical Trials project. We have also committed another \$5,000 to sponsor a bed. Over the year we have held a dinner dance, high teas, an Oaks Day Luncheon, a market night as well as our regular hospital stalls and market days.

We have built up an excellent relationship with our local community and their support has been fantastic. Our events are now well-known and sought after. We have also been lucky enough to have our local CBA come on board as a sponsor and their ongoing support is a great addition.

One of our highlights is running the RCH Auxiliaries portion of Kids Day Out. We had a very busy and fun-filled day offering activities such as fishing, footy handball, laughing clowns, face painting, nail art and of course balloons. After an exhausting day, we raised an amazing \$26,500, which is a lot of gold coin donations! Thank you to EZY Breathing Auxiliary for their help on the face painting stand.

Our Christmas campaign was once again a great success. A very busy time for all our members, with our popular market raising another record breaking amount. We also held stalls at the hospital and the NAB, lots of baking, crafting and wrapping goodies.

Cancer Crusaders is a small dedicated group of only 12 people, working hard to achieve what we do. We would like to thank our family friends and all our supporters who have donated goods and pitched in to help us.

## CANCER IN KIDS AUXILIARY (CIKA)

Founded: **1980**

President: **Sandra Lehrer**

Vice President: **Ellen Webb**

Secretary: **Wendy Halligan**

Treasurer: **Stephen Halligan**

The past year has been very busy for CIKA members and supporters. Fundraising activities included stalls at shopping centres, markets and RCH, a trivia night, luncheons, raffles and Wood Days. Three tours of the laboratories were conducted for groups of supporters, increasing their understanding of the research undertaken. Thank you to the people who knit, sew, donate materials or goods and sell products. Special thanks to Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn, their family, friends and community for another successful Wood Days.

CIKA funding continues to support the Tissue Bank, the after-hours collection of tumours, the Clinical Trails Coordinator position and a paediatric brain tumour study. A freezer was purchased in honour of Lesley McKibbin, a long term supporter of CIKA who passed away last year.

We would like to recognise the passing of Lois Tasker, one of the foundation members of CIKA. Lois was an active member for at least twenty years.

## CARING FRIENDS OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**

President: **Pat Borcich**

Vice President: **Yvonne Felton**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Daryl Gunn**

We are very grateful to the small group of volunteers who work hard to stock our stalls, enabling us to raise funds to help CF patients. Their assistance is most appreciated.



## CAROLINE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1951**

Convenor: **Vale Ecila Engler**

During the past year, our fundraising has consisted of stalls at the hospital and local shopping centres. Also prior to Christmas and Easter we conducted raffles by selling tickets at two IGA Supermarkets. Due to the untiring efforts of our members we have been able to finance the Renalicious Cookbook which was launched in July 2018. Sadly, our beloved Ecila passed away not long after this launch.

## CASKIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Robyn Anderson**

Vice President: **Gail Simpson**

Secretary: **Robyn Anderson**

Treasurers: **Helen Smale and Nola Fairbairn**

CasKids was delighted to raise \$33,804 this year. We are an active Auxiliary with eight or nine members who are dedicated to our cause and that is supporting the Emergency Department by purchasing equipment, supplying grants, specialist clinicians and any special requests with which we can assist.

Our main fundraising emanates from stalls in Main Street at the RCH. Attending these stalls makes us realise just how very special the RCH is and empowers us to continue fundraising to the best of our abilities. As ambassadors for the hospital we are in a position to listen to the parents and families of the sick children and empathise with them as they divulge their stories.

We appreciate all the office bearers, Gail Simpson as Vice President, Helen Smale as Treasurer and Nola Fairbairn as her assistant and also Denise Mudie as Minute and Social Secretary.

We are also assisting with the setting up of a Youth Auxiliary called Kids Can which, in the future, will be a brilliant gem in the crown of RCH Auxiliaries.

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Founded: **1999**

President: **Peter Hader**

The purpose of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary is to raise funds to support research into cystic fibrosis at the RCH's Department of Respiratory Medicine.

## CHARLI'S ANGELS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**

President: **Sue Manson**

Secretary: **Alison Orum**

Treasurer: **Ornella Raponi**

Dear children of the Oncology Ward, your brothers and sisters, mums and dads, your friends and your greater family,

We hope that the past 12 months has brought better health to you, and a sense of relief to your family and friends.

You most likely do not know who or what Charli's Angels Auxiliary is, and that's ok. You have had more serious things to concentrate on this past year, but if you have met the Neuropsychologist as part of your treatment whilst in the hospital or even once you have returned home, this help has been funded by the people involved in Charli's Angels Auxiliary and the Children's Brain Tumour Auxiliary.

To fund this newly created position of Neuropsychologist for the oncology patients at the RCH, our small but dedicated members needed to raise \$70,000. That is a lot of money and we have had to save up for a few years to be able to give this amount.

We aren't old, but we are not what you would call young anymore, we have jobs that we love and children and grandchildren that we love even more, so you can appreciate that we think that you are really special too. Because in amongst all that is happening for us we want to make time to do something that will help and make a difference to how you recover, as well as how you make your way back to the life you knew before hospital became your second home. We also want to be sure that your brothers and sisters are doing ok and that mum and dad are doing fine as well. All of this is really important to us and everyone who is helping you get back to normal.

To achieve our wish for your good health, we do lots of little things throughout the year to raise and save for that \$70,000. You can find us at the Auxiliary Market Days in the foyer of the hospital selling secondhand books and clothing donated from our local children's wear shop and we have a fabulous fundraising partner in Peninsula Grammar – this includes students, teachers and parents.

You may have met Alison Orum on the Oncology Ward. Alison is Secretary of Charli's Angels but she is also a long serving Volunteer who helps on your Ward.



So if you see Alison please say hello or find us in the foyer on Market Days, we would love to see you.

Best wishes and good health to you all.

## COURAGE FOR KIDS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1998**

President: **Michelle Olinder**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Trish Thomas**

Courage for Kids Auxiliary is a group of three with a couple of supporters who conduct most of our fundraising through sales on the RCH Pods. We sell a variety of organically grown fruit and vegetables from our garden, as well as jams and pickles made from the same produce. A variety of home baked scones and cakes complement the above.

## EZY BREATHING AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**

President: **Emma Mercer**

Secretary: **Heather Luedi**

Treasurer: **Beat Luedi**

Ezy Breathing Auxiliary's President Emma participated in this year's Paddy's Market, doing face painting for the whole day. She also spent Good Friday at Kids Day Out running the face painting, along with her helpers.

Emma has worked tirelessly for this Auxiliary since creating it in 2004. As her son Tyler is no longer a patient at RCH, Emma wishes to pass the Auxiliary onto someone with more time to support the kids and RCH Respiratory Medicine.

If interested, please contact Emma on [mercerc.emma@gmail.com](mailto:mercerc.emma@gmail.com).

## FRIENDS OF CBC AUXILIARY

Founded: **2018**

President: **Dr David Kolieb**

Secretary: **Ms Tiffany Lucas**

Treasurer: **Richard Comber**

Friends of CBC Auxiliary was created in November 2018 to support the Children's Bioethics Centre's (CBC) education programs, including the Annual International Children's Bioethics Conference held at the RCH.

A suggested \$200 donation was requested to join as a Friend of the CBC. Thus far we have approximately 50 Friends as well some very generous donors. The

education programs to be implemented include regular podcasts around ethical issues pertaining to paediatrics, an E-Learning program targeting clinicians and nursing staff within the RCH, parents with children in crisis and medical students, and, as mentioned, supporting the Annual Conference. The Friends had their first function on 19 March 2019, which was a mini 'Hypothetical' conducted by Prof Lynn Gillam and Associate Prof Jill Sewell discussing the range and depth of ethical issues that the CBC has been called upon to consider.

We are still young and learning to 'walk' but we look forward to growing and further supporting the CBC. My thanks to our Board, Ric Comber, Tiffany Lucas, Barry Novy OAM, Avi Bart and our Patron, Hugo Gold. We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Lucia Di Maio and Karen Fellows.

## FOOTSCRAY/YARRAVILLE JUNIORS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1960**

President: **Shirley Jenkins**

Secretary: **Margaret Plowright**

Treasurer: **Margaret Day**

Several of our members have had hip or knee operations over the last year, so our fundraising events have been limited. However, the trading table at our monthly meetings brings in a steady cash flow.

Our bric-a-brac stall at Andy's Market in November was a success and we have collected some interesting items, new and old, for our stall at the Winter Market in June.

The members always enjoy contact with the hospital and meeting other Auxiliary members at the Christmas party, Combined Auxiliary meetings and the AGM.

## GEELONG AUXILIARY

Founded: **1976**

President/Secretary: **Jan Crockart**

Treasurer: **Thais McCallum**

Geelong Auxiliary has had another successful year fundraising for items on the hospital's wish list. During the past year we have dedicated funds for two infant radiant warmers and are now ready to fund more equipment. Money has been raised through our popular high tea, stalls at RCH and in Geelong, a movie morning, raffles, sale of the Entertainment



Books, joining the community on Good Friday at Inverleigh, a Christmas fair, participation in Andy's, Paddy's, Christmas and Winter markets and members travelling to support the cart on Main Street.

This year, long serving member, Joan Davies was inducted as a Living Treasure.

Thank you to all our hard working members particularly Linda Smith, our Secretary, Thais MacCallum, Treasurer and Immediate Past President Gwen Bromley. An extra special thank you to local community members, friends and families who support the Auxiliary; especially with goods for our stalls.

## HEART THROB AUXILIARY

Founded: **1994**

President: **Amanda Carabott**

Secretary: **Jenny Gordon**

Treasurer: **Bernadette Barnes**

The year was a quiet one for our Auxiliary as we await developments that will hopefully enable us to move forward in a way which in some way reflects our original objectives.

A big thank you to our loyal friends and benefactors for support during uncertain times; and especially our two members who run regular stalls and keep up the contact with our valued support base within the RCH, contributing to our income for the year of over \$9,000.

Thanks to our regular fundraising volunteers and our loyal core customers within the hospital.

## HEART TO HEART AUXILIARY

Founded: **1989**

President: **Phyl Brown**

Secretary: **Val Wright**

Treasurer: **Jo Scully**

The Heart to Heart Auxiliary has celebrated 30 years this year. Under the direction of President Phyl Brown, we continue to engage enthusiastically in fundraising, by means of stalls, donations, shopping tours and collections.

Despite declining numbers of active members, our team remains strong and positive contributing to the Combined Auxiliaries Fund. I would like to thank members and friends for helping to supply goods for our stalls to raise funds for the Cardiology Department. Special thanks also to Lucia Di Maio and staff for their help and support.

## INVERLOCH DIABETIC UNIT AUXILIARY

Founded: **1997**

President: **Kerrie Beauglehall**

Secretary: **Ross Beauglehall**

Treasurer: **Kerrie Beauglehall**

We have had a successful year selling socks as a fundraiser, with the support of many businesses putting them out to sell for us. We are currently organising a high tea to be held in Melbourne and Inverloch with a great response.

Our funds are the only funds to support and run the complication screening program for insulin dependent diabetic children attending the RCH. This clinic checks hundreds of children annually for heart, eye, kidney and vascular system complications that come from type 1 diabetes.

Since the establishment of this program over 22 years ago, complications have gone from 30 per cent to 1 per cent, so our fundraising dollars are essential to keep this program running. We also support several research programs as well.

My daughter Carla has lived with diabetes for 22 years and life has had its ups and downs for her. We are grateful that her health has allowed her to have two beautiful boys but not without a lot of hard work and dedication to managing her diabetic disease. Diabetes is a hard, cruel disease that never gives a diabetic person time off. It is thought about and attended to 24/7 for the rest of their life. Even on their wedding day or giving birth, it is a disease that has to be attended to. One day we hope and pray for an easier life for diabetics but in the mean time we can only fundraise to help keep the complications away and hope the money we give to research will find an answer!

## KNOX-SHERBROOKE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1977**

President: **Kathy Nowak**

Secretary: **Maxine Lane**

Treasurer: **Lyn Elshaw**

We have had a very successful year once again with our fundraising. We continue to fund the Music Therapy Program. Our trip last year was to Williamstown by ferry and a tour of the Williamstown Town Hall, and then lunch, before travelling home by bus. This year we went to Werribee Mansion, toured the Mansion and looked around the gardens, before going back to Williamstown for lunch on the lawn.



Other fundraising events were the Cuppa for Kids, and we invited Louise Hastie this month to give us a talk, which was very interesting.

We have moved our meetings to Ferntree Gully Bowls Club, and any events will be at Norma Wangman's house. We moved to these venues as Wilma Neville isn't well enough to have it at her house now, but she will still be having stalls at her house with the help of some of our members. We are looking forward to our 42nd Birthday this year in September.

## KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1938**

President: **Jean Burgess**

Secretary: **Genevieve Barnett**

Treasurer: **Dorothy Cosgriff**

We at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary consider ourselves very fortunate to have the support of our Club, especially in providing the venues for our five very important fundraising functions each year. We are a group of 11 committee members, who are committed to raising funds to provide the much-needed equipment and research at the RCH to ensure that sick children continue to have the very best treatment possible.

2018 was a very important milestone and a special celebration for us as we celebrated our 80th Anniversary. We were honoured by the presence of Dr. Miriam Weisz, Laura Buck and Lucia Di Maio from the hospital, Carole Lowen OAM, former President of Auxiliaries, and past executive members of the Kooyong Auxiliary, together with our CEO Chris Brown, and President of Kooyong Peter Carew and his wife Lisa, Patron of our Committee.

Our functions over the last twelve months have resulted in record funds to pass on to the hospital. These events consisted of two Card Luncheons, a Ladies Tennis Tournament supported by many Victorian country clubs, a Christmas in July Luncheon hosted by MC Kevin Bartlett and a Trivia Night. We also raised additional funds with the sale of Entertainment Books. The amount raised during the past financial year was \$38,824. Our sincere thanks go to all our Committee who were involved in the planning and preparation of these events without whose passion and determination we wouldn't be able to achieve these results.

## LARCH AUXILIARY

Founded: **1974**

President: **Rose Stolarek**

Secretary: **Emma Bridgeman**

Treasurer: **Christine McRae**

Monthly stalls to support the Samaritan Funds at The Children's Cancer Centre.

## NEONATE MATES AUXILIARY

Founded: **2003**

President: **Judy Aussems**

Secretary: **Michele Porter**

Treasurer: **Sandra Aussems**

The Neonate Mates Auxiliary was formed in 2003 to raise important funds for the Butterfly Ward at the RCH.

The Neonate Mates Auxiliary consists of only seven members who meet up regularly to discuss future fundraising ideas. We are extremely proud of our fundraising achievements over the last 15 years and we hope to continue supporting the Butterfly Ward for many more years to come.

The Butterfly Ward provides highly specialised care to the sickest newborn infants from around Australia. Whilst babies are not born at the RCH, they are usually transported immediately following birth via the PIPER Team from leading maternity hospitals to the Butterfly Ward, which exists to extend treatments to critically ill newborns.

## PARKVILLE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1946**

President: **Helen Mann**

Secretary: **Kaye Danielson**

Treasurer: **Marilyn McInnes**

Parkville Auxiliary members have participated in many market days, Pod stalls, staffing the Cart on Main Street and providing volunteer reception desk assistance to the RCH Foundation Office.

We are indebted to some wonderful crafts women, Jean, Jenny A, Chris and Kay, for their generous donations of beautiful quality toys and items to sell on our stalls which always generate interest and many dollars for the RCH.

Our Mother's Day and Christmas stalls are legendary for great gifts and baked goods. We also have a very



successful raffle each time. Cathy's gingerbread house at Christmas raised \$750 alone.

Auxiliary members share a great friendship and a common goal of raising funds to support the Occupational Therapy, Psychology and Music Therapy Departments at RCH.

During this past year we have raised \$52,585 which will enable some research projects to be undertaken, pending RCH approval. We are grateful for the support from Lucia throughout the year.

## PREMBUBS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**

President: **Irene Hubbard**

Secretary: **Steven Hubbard**

Treasurer: **Tony Hubbard**

In hibernation for the time being. Hoping to resume participation in due course.

## PRESIDENT'S FUNDRAISING NETWORK

Founded: **2018**

President: **Miriam Weisz**

The President's Fundraising Network (PFN) is an innovative way to engage younger people with Auxiliaries. The aim of the PFN is to provide an overarching structure supporting the establishment of several Giving Circles, each funding its own hospital project. The first Giving Circle, Chai Impact, involves 12 families who have donated their funds in support of a project in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. The PFN is now negotiating with its second Giving Circle and is engaging with various community groups to strengthen their relationships with the RCH.

## RCH VOLUNTEERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2017**

President: **Kiley Kavanagh**

The RCH Volunteers Auxiliary was excited to participate in both the 2018 Winter Market and 2018 Andy's Market.

It gave our volunteers an additional opportunity to support the hospital to which they already dedicate many hours of their own time in their Family Support roles.

## ROXBURGH PARK AUXILIARY

Founded: **1998**

President: **Lyne Scown**

Secretary: **Glenice Gardner**

Treasurer: **Wendy Hancock**

We have nine members in our Auxiliary and predominantly raise money for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. We have also donated to other RCH needs and are very proud of what we do.

We frequently hold stalls at our local shopping centre and in October 2017 held our first Cuppa for Kids, which raised \$1,400, making us very proud that our hard work paid off. At Easter we fundraised with the help of Ferguson Plarre, raising \$1,100 for the hospital. Our Mother's Day raffle raised \$1,100. We also help out in the RCH Auxiliaries Shop and host our own stalls on the Pods.

The projects we have funded over the year include five treatment chairs in Day Medicine, the transforming clinical care to improve mental health for RCH patients program and infant radiant warmers. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our members for all your help in the success we've had.

## SOUTHERN RAINBOWS AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President/Secretary/Treasurer: **Aggie Coyle**

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary is now into its 51st year raising funds for RCH. Although the Auxiliary is depleted in numbers from 13 members to one member and now recent new member Ruth is also working for the Roxburgh Park Auxiliary and has taken over the position of secretary. Our funds of about \$23,000 are raised by selling crafts at the RCH and the occasional street stall. Full of admiration for the great work by doctors and nurses at the RCH, a Cub Troop became enthusiastic and donated \$500 towards equipment for the hospital.

## SOUTH WESTERN AUXILIARY

Founded: **1953**

President: **Janine Sheen**

Secretary: **Judy Conn**

Treasurer: **Leanne Bartlett**

South Western Auxiliary has had another very successful year, particularly with our campaign that raised over \$30,000 for the Good Friday Appeal. We also still do our catering, monthly suppers and three



monthly dinners for our local Freemasons lodge here in Warrnambool. We also try to get a couple of Bunnings BBQs in as well. We are a small but very committed group of volunteers and love being able to contribute to the RCH.

## ST KILDA AUXILIARY

Founded: **1922**  
President: **Dot Cridge**  
Secretary/Treasurer: **Joh Kane**

The goal of the St Kilda Auxiliary is to raise and donate funds to buy new equipment for sick children. We look forward to continuing and inviting new members to share in next year's fundraising efforts.

## STROKIDZ AUXILIARY

Founded: **2006**  
President: **Darren Kohne**  
Secretary: **Suzi Di Palma**  
Treasurer: **Jackie Nielsen**

We are in the midst of writing a book for school kids to understand what has happened to a friend when they've had a stroke. We also continue to supply the Stroke Unit with information books about childhood stroke, a tote bag with a notepad and pen, a stress ball in the shape of a brain and a beautiful teddy bear called Ollie for the child.

## TEMPLESTOWE AUXILIARY

Founded: **1939**  
President: **Glenda Fraser**  
Secretary: **Barb Nicoll**  
Treasurer: **Raelene Trotter**

Our Auxiliary has had another very successful year of fundraising thanks to our wonderful, dedicated members and supporters.

A major source of income are our monthly stalls at the hospital with assorted products including home-baked cakes and jams, terrariums, books, cards, toys, quilts, blankets, knitwear, jewellery, craft and a new range of eco-friendly items. Stalls at Lilydale Marketplace provided extra funds as well as raising awareness of the work of Auxiliaries. Our major fundraising event was Cuppa For Kids in October at Ringwood Bowling Club where 110 guests enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and great entertainment, raising \$8,093.

This year we committed \$40,000 for two video endoscopes, \$35,000 for an infant radiant warmer, \$2,500 to assist another group purchase an infant radiant warmer and \$33,500 for the 'Minimising Immunisation Pain' grant.

Members worked on the Cart every month, participated in Paddy's and Andy's Markets, also the Winter and Christmas Markets. We attended the AGM, Living Treasures afternoon tea, Christmas Party, Combined Auxiliaries Meetings and Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Nursing Development Scholarship Lunch.

## THE MELBOURNE SINFONIA AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**  
President: **David Halstead**  
Secretary: **Bronwyn Hewitt**  
Treasurer: **Ros Calver**

The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary was established by musicians interested in raising funds for the RCH. Our purpose is to enjoy working together to play orchestral music to a high standard and perform concerts, the profits from which benefit the hospital.

## TRAILBLAZERS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2005**  
President/Secretary: **Anne McGeary**  
Treasurer: **Diane Powlesland**

We are a small team supporting RCH Neurodevelopment and Disability, which cares for special children with a range of physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

We currently fund the Victorian Prader-Willi Register and its associated research. We fundraise on the Auxiliary Pods and at market days and other sales in the community. The selling of Entertainment Books has always proved popular and profitable.

We will continue to support the above department, as we believe in the important research they are conducting.



## TRANSCEND AUXILIARY

Founded: **2017**  
President: **Rebekah Robertson**  
Secretary: **Naomi McNamara**  
Treasurer: **Belinda James**

Transcend was found by Rebekah Robertson in 2012 to support the work of the Gender Service at the RCH. It established the first parent-led peer support network for families of transgender children in Australia. Transcend's support for the RCH Gender Service has since been formalised by becoming an RCH Auxiliary where it has already made a significant contribution to the support of patients at the RCH.

## VICTORIAN QUILTERS VERY SNUGGLY QUILTS AUXILIARY

Founded: **2004**  
President: **Marie Lee**  
Vice President: **Elaine Hicks**

Members of Victorian Quilters Inc. continued to visit the hospital each month and during the past year have gifted more than 1,700 quilts to patients at the hospital.

We are a unique and privileged Auxiliary, in that we are the only Auxiliary that has a small team of accredited volunteers who visit the wards and give the quilts directly to the children. On quilt delivery day, many hospital staff and visitors comment on the positive effects that the quilts have on everyone. The quilts are treasured by the children and bring comfort during difficult times.

Many quilts are also worked on and completed at community quilt making days. These days provide an opportunity for people to get together with a shared purpose of doing something for someone else.

Every quilt has a paper label attached with contact details for Victorian Quilters Inc. but do not have a label attached with the maker's name.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this program by donating completed quilts, fabric, batting, quilt tops, quilting the quilts or finishing the bindings. Your continued generous support enables us to make a difference to so many children.

## VIVARCH AUXILIARY

Founded: **2002**  
President: **Henry Edgar**  
Secretary: **Alexandra Lowen**  
Treasurer: **Kate Vines**

VivaRCH has increased its fundraising initiatives and now have a dedicated polo team. The team plays from October to March, providing weekly fundraising and friend-raising opportunities.

## WANGARATTA LADIES AUXILIARY

Founded: **1977**  
President: **Kerrie Steele**  
Secretary: **Colleen O'Brien**  
Treasurer: **Pat Griffin**

The Wangaratta Ladies Auxiliary is a small group of dedicated women whose average age is 80.

The Auxiliary holds a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year which include monthly Hoy afternoons, raffles and street stalls, sausage sizzles and bus trips to the nearby Corowa RSL. Our biggest fundraiser for the year would have to be a stall held at the annual Oxley Bush Market.

The past year saw the Auxiliary contribute \$15,000 towards improving mental health and \$30,000 for video-endoscopes for Speech Pathology, Plastic Surgery and Otolaryngology. Our annual donation to the Good Friday Appeal was almost \$12,430.

Our small Auxiliary is dwindling in members. Sadly, one of our founding members, Dawn Anderson, passed away this past year, and two other members have either retired or been placed in nursing homes in the area.

The Wangaratta Ladies Auxiliary support cancer kids, but we also raise funds to support approved equipment grants and wish list items.



## WAVERLEY AUXILIARY

Founded: **1967**

President: **Louise Hastie**

Secretaries: **Verita Crook / Margery Schreppel**

Treasurer: **Kath Walker**

Waverley members had a very happy and successful year raising funds for the ongoing Mother Goose Program, Neuro Developmental and Disability Department and joined other Auxiliaries to help purchase much needed equipment for the RCH.

Our takings on our monthly stall days have increased due to the generosity of our Members and friends continually supplying us with beautiful quilts, knitwear, crocheted rugs and craft items to sell. We enjoy our days on the Cart selling items from our Auxiliary Shop and interacting with parents and children.

Our Annual Music Concert Afternoon with The Melbourne Singers and guest artists was a great success as was our Spring Fashion Parade and Luncheon held at the Mulgrave Country Club who have supported us for 20 years. These events are attended by our many loyal friends.

We have enjoyed a diverse group of interesting and informative speakers at our monthly meetings held at Alvie Hall in Mount Waverley, rent free from Monash City Council. New members are made very welcome.

## WERRIBEE LADIES FOR KIDS

Founded: **2013**

President: **Val Wills**

Secretary: **Alma Verity**

Treasurer: **Heather Brett**

We had our stall at the Plaza for a week where we made over \$4,500 and \$180.40 from tin number 17843. We were only allowed one table and a hanging rack. We made extremely good use of both.

# Awards









# Madge Tate Service Award

Established in 1994, the Madge Tate Service Award is named after the late Madge Tate who was a member of Croydon Auxiliary from 1932 until her passing in 1992. This prestigious award is a means of recognising an esteemed Auxiliary member's dedication and extraordinary service to the Auxiliaries, as nominated by their peers and appointed by the AEC.

1996

**Robyn Riseley**

CasKids Auxiliary

1999

**Mavis Pope**

St Kilda Auxiliary

2002

**Bill Gordon**

Heart Throb Auxiliary

2003

**Pat Griffin**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Doris Read**

Templestowe  
Auxiliary

2004

**Beth Trebilcock**

Waverley Auxiliary

2005

**Olive Cooper**

Mordialloc/Heart to  
Heart Auxiliary

2006

**Pat Osbourne**

Waverley Auxiliary

**Anne Peter-Budge**

Templestowe  
Auxiliary

2007

**Sandra Lehrer**

CIKA

2008

**Irene Hubbard**

Prem Bubs Auxiliary

**Kerrie Beauglehall**

Inverloch Diabetic  
Unit Auxiliary

2009

**Peggy Mathison**

Parkville Auxiliary

2010

**Shirley Jenkins**

Footscray/Yarraville  
Juniors Auxiliary

2011

**Margaret  
Greenwood**

Heart to Heart  
Auxiliary/CIKA

2012

**Robyn Anderson**

CasKids Auxiliary

2013

**Phyllis Brown**

Heart to Heart  
Auxiliary

2014

**Andrew  
Duyvestyn**

CIKA

**Christine**

**Duyvestyn**

CIKA

2015

**Gwen Bromley**

Geelong Auxiliary

2016

**Denise Mudie**

CasKids Auxiliary

2017

**Bev Noonan**

Parkville Auxiliary

2018

**Ruth Murray**

Cancer Crusaders

With fond memories, we acknowledge the following Auxiliary members who were recognised as Madge Tate Award recipients, and have now passed away.

1994

**Maude Ham**

Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

1995

**Bette Chambers**

Parkville Auxiliary

1997

**Dorothy Knight**

Pankina Auxiliary

**Joan Mackechnie**

Pankina Auxiliary

1998

**Phyll Unsworth**

Frankston Auxiliary

1999

**Mavis Pope**

St Kilda Auxiliary

2000

**Dol Blunt**

Caroline Auxiliary

2001

**Loris King**

Ivanhoe Auxiliary

2004

**Joyce Keast**

Pankina Auxiliary

2010

**Rhonda Robins**


Heart Throb Auxiliary

2016

**Margo Ferguson**

Pelican Auxiliary





## RUTH MURRAY CANCER CRUSADERS

Congratulations to Ruth Murray, founding member and treasurer of Cancer Crusaders Auxiliary for being awarded the Madge Tate Service Award in 2018.

After 10 years as a member of Cancer in Kids Auxiliary (CIKA), Ruth decided to branch out with her husband and a good friend to establish their very own Auxiliary, Cancer Crusaders. In the five years since, an incredible \$422,000 has been raised to support cancer care at the RCH.

Ruth is well known for her enthusiastic and hardworking attitude, and is never afraid to do the hard work. Her organisation and baking skills

are renowned throughout the RCH network, with her famous sticky date puddings selling out every market day!

A consultant to the AEC, there isn't anything she won't try to be a part of when it comes to the RCH. Ruth is not only dedicated to her own Auxiliary but has time for anyone that might be able to help the RCH.

Ruth Murray's commitment and dedication to supporting patients at the RCH truly embodies the spirit of Madge Tate, and we're proud to acknowledge her as the 2018 recipient of this prestigious award.



# Long Service Award

## 35 YEARS

**Barbara Sutherland**  
American Women's Association

**Margaret (Peg) Benham**  
Geelong Auxiliary

## 30 YEARS

**Elizabeth Window**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Ellen Bryant**  
St Kilda Auxiliary

**Joy McDonald**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Patricia Osborne**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Phyllis Brown**  
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Susan Rossi**  
American Women's Association

## 25 YEARS

**Anne McGeary**  
Trailblazers Auxiliary

**Bill Gordon**  
Heart Throb Auxiliary

**Jenny Gordon**  
Heart Throb Auxiliary

**Joan McRae**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Lisa Capper**  
American Women's Association

## 20 YEARS

**Anna Field**  
American Women's Association

**Daryl Gunn**  
Caring Friends of Cystic Fibrosis Auxiliary

**Debbie Kimberley**  
American Women's Association

**Judith A Glazner**  
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary

**Philip Robinson**  
Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust Auxiliary

**Wilma Neville**  
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

## 15 YEARS

**Amanda Humphreys**  
aRCHers Auxiliary

**Colleen Clift**  
CIKA

**Dianne Humphreys**  
aRCHers Auxiliary

**Helen Raczynski**  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Jennifer Wade**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Kathryn Anderson**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Marilyn McInnes**  
Parkville Auxiliary

**Sue Maxwell**  
Geelong Auxiliary

## 10 YEARS

**Alissa Holmes**  
South Western Auxiliary

**Beryl Hale**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Caitlyn Holmes**  
South Western Auxiliary

**Carolyn Lee**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Giovanna Papadakis**  
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

**Joan Van Vegten**  
Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

**Jordan Hammond**  
ChIPSXiliary

**Joy Villalino**  
American Women's Association

**Linda Holmes**  
South Western Auxiliary

**Louise Hastie**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Lyn Cowley**  
Smiley Auxiliary

**Maureen Edwards**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Ornella Raponi**  
Charli's Angels Auxiliary

**Ricky Holmes**  
South Western Auxiliary

**Sarah Roberts**  
Templestowe Auxiliary

**Stephen Halligan**  
CIK

## Steven Jones

The Melbourne Sinfonia Auxiliary

**Tara Valentine**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Valerie Thompson**  
Caroline Auxiliary

**Verita Andrea Crook**  
Waverley Auxiliary

## 5 YEARS

**Adam Dooley**  
Bright Starts Auxiliary

**Agnes Girdwood**  
Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary

**Angus Adams**  
Bright Starts Auxiliary

**Anne Sushames**  
Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary

**Bronwyn Inman**  
Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary

**Carolyn Dighton**  
Let The Children Play Auxiliary

**Danielle Pumo**  
Mish Mish Auxiliary

**Dean Duyvestyn**  
CIKA

**Dianne Attrill**  
CIKA



**Elaine Hicks**

Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Dohrmann**

Parkville Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Scott**

Victorian Quilters Very Snuggly Quilt Auxiliary

**Genevieve Barnett**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

**Helen Macauley**

Geelong Auxiliary

**Helen Smale**

CasKids Auxiliary

**Janet Bodycoat**

CasKids Auxiliary

**Joan Gilchrist**

Parkville Auxiliary

**Julie Heymanson**

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

**Kerrie Steele**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Krystyna Diss**

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

**Leanne Gardner**

Geelong Auxiliary

**Leesa Boffa**

Neonate Mates Auxiliary

**Louise Farley**

Bright Starts Auxiliary

**Marion Hodgson**

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

**Maureen James**

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

**Moyra Freeman**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Patrick Tremayne**

Bright Starts Auxiliary

**Pauline Froggatt**

CasKids Auxiliary

**Pauline Raby**

Waverley Auxiliary

**Rhonda Gibbs**

StroKidz Auxiliary

**Rosaline Gardner**

Geelong Auxiliary

**Ruth Divko**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Sara Jones**

Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Sue Manson**

Charli's Angels Auxiliary

**Suzan Yaman**

Mish Mish Auxiliary

# Vale

This year we sadly lost some of our dearest friends and, though they are no longer with us, we treasure their memory and their contribution to the RCH, with their legacy to forever live on through the hospital and the lives they changed.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

**Alan Peter Budge**

volunteered behind the scenes with wife Anne, who has been a member of **Templestowe Auxiliary** since 1965.

A founding member of the **Wangaratta Auxiliary**, **Dawn Anderson** passionately committed over 40 years to helping raise funds for the RCH. Loving mother and friend, Dawn will be greatly missed by her fellow members.

**Ecila Engler**, President of **Caroline Auxiliary**, will be remembered as a wonderful leader and a loving friend. Ecila joined the Auxiliary over 30 years ago and was passionate about supporting the hospital's many causes.

**Geelong Auxiliary** member **Jo Allen** who was a member since 1983 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2008.

**Beaumaris Auxiliary** member **Judith McKenna** who was a member since 1962 and a Living Treasure recipient in 2005.

**CIKA** member **Lois Tasker** was an inspiration to her whole Auxiliary. Together with her husband John, she was recognised for her celebration and vision for CIKA in 2009.

**Maree Andrews** was a treasured member of **Pankina Auxiliary**. A skilled crafter, Maree donated hundreds of beautifully-knitted toys over her 12 years of membership. She was a proud member of the Auxiliary and will be greatly missed.

**St Kilda Auxiliary** member **Mavis Pope OAM** who was a member since 1978, Living Treasure recipient in 2004 and Made Tate Award recipient in 1980.

**Pam Burch** was a treasured and long standing member of **Heart to Heart Auxiliary**, joining the Auxiliary in 1989. Pam was recognised as a Living Treasure in 2005, and awarded for her dedication to her Auxiliary receiving a 25 year Long Service Badge in 2014.

**Valerie Robson** dedicated 25 years of her life to supporting the RCH Auxiliaries and was a proud and loyal member of the **Heart to Heart Auxiliary**.

# Living Treasures

We are extremely proud to honour our Living Treasures. These are Auxiliary members who have devoted themselves to our common goal and made an exceptional contribution. The Living Treasures are the embodiment of the highly respected and valued institution that is the RCH Auxiliaries and their presence ensures that our future is bright.

We are proud to announce the following Auxiliary members, **highlighted in green**, who have been inducted as our newest Living Treasures in 2019.

## A

### **Aggie Coyle**

Southern Rainbows Auxiliary

### **Alison Orum**

Charli's Angels Auxiliary

### **Alma Verity**

Werribee Ladies for Kids Auxiliary

### **Andrew Duyvestyn**

CIKA

### **Ann Rathbone**

LARCH

### **Anne Peter-Budge**

Templestowe Auxiliary

### **Anne McGeary**

Trailblazers Auxiliary

### **Annette Antolino**

CPR Auxiliary

### **Audrey Stewart**

Waverley Auxiliary

## B

### **Barbara Dickinson**

American Women's Association

### **Barbara Love**

LARCH

### **Bernadette Dawson**

CIKA

### **Beryl Logie**

Pankina Auxiliary

### **Beryl Reeves**

Do-Bees Auxiliary

### **Beryl Hale**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Beth Trebilcock**

Waverley Auxiliary

### **Betsy Van Eyk**

Knox-Sherbrooke Auxiliary

### **Betty Lane**

American Women's Association

### **Betty McConville**

Pankina Auxiliary

### **Betty Moloney**

Broadmeadows Auxiliary

### **Betty West**

LARCH

### **Bev Gosbell**

LARCH

### **Bev Hume**

Heart to Heart Auxiliary

### **Bev Noonan**

Parkville Auxiliary

### **Beverley Baltissen**

CasKids Auxiliary

### **Bill Gordon**

Heart Throb Auxiliary

### **Bohdan Panasewycz**

Let The Children Play Auxiliary

### **Brenda Aisbett**

Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

### **Brian Mallon AO**

Former Executive Director, RCH Foundation

## C

### **Carmel Quinn**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

### **Carol Blight**

LARCH

### **Carole Lowen OAM**

Past President of the Auxiliaries

### **Caroline Hill**

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Auxiliary

### **Carolyn Appelbe**

American Women's Association

### **Cheryl Kline**

LARCH

### **Christine Boulter**

LARCH

### **Christine Duyvestyn**

CIKA

### **Christine McRae**

LARCH

### **Christine Unsworth AM**

Former Executive Director, GFA



## D

**Dani Tabone**  
Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

**David Webb**  
CIKA

**Davina Johnson OAM**  
Past President of  
Auxiliaries

**Dawn Bredin**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Debbie Kimberley**  
American Women's  
Association

**Denise Mudie**  
CasKids Auxiliary

**Diana Fletcher**  
Black Rock Auxiliary

**Dianne Humphreys**  
aRCHers Auxiliary

**Doreen Bellenger**  
ABC Auxiliary

**Doris Fraser**  
American Women's  
Association

**Doris Read**  
Templestowe Auxiliary

**Doris Tatman**  
Do-Bees Auxiliary

**Dorothy Boyle**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Dorothy Cridge**  
St Kilda Auxiliary

**Dorothy Sizeland**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Dorothy Timmerman**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Doug Rathbone**  
LARCH

## E

**Edna Lavelle**  
Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

**Eileen (Joan) Davies**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Royce**  
Pelican Auxiliary

**Elizabeth Wilson**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Ellen Bryant**  
St Kilda Auxiliary

**Ellen Webb**  
CIKA

## F

**Faye Love**  
CIKA

**Fred Bergman**  
CIKA

## G

**Gael Holliday**  
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Gail Simpson**  
CasKids Auxiliary

**Gail Nunan**  
Heart to Heart Auxiliary

**Geoff Wilson**  
Willy Seagulls Auxiliary

**Glenda Fraser**  
Templestowe Auxiliary

**Glenice Gardner**  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Graeme Clark**  
OARA

**Graeme Love**  
LARCH

**Graham Blight**  
LARCH

**Gwen Bromley**  
Geelong Auxiliary

## H

**Hayley Dighton**  
Let the Children Play  
Auxiliary

**Hazel Thomas**  
LARCH

**Heather Beggs**  
Pelican Auxiliary

**Heather Brett**  
Werribee Ladies  
for Kids Auxiliary

**Helen Carroll**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Helen Mann**  
Parkville Auxiliary

**Helen Moon**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Helen (Marjory)  
Schreppel**  
Waverley Auxiliary

**Helena Panasewycz**  
Let the Children Play  
Auxiliary

## I

**Ian Crockart**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Irene Hubbard**  
Prem Bubs Auxiliary

**Isabel Foote**  
Wangaratta Auxiliary

**Isobel Wilson**  
Willy Seagulls Auxiliary

## J

**James Dawson**  
CIKA

**Jan Roberts**  
CasKids Auxiliary

**Jan Gilbertson**  
Parkville Auxiliary

**Janice Memery**  
Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

**Janice Regester**  
Roxburgh Park Auxiliary

**Janis Crockart**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Jean Patience**  
Caulfield Auxiliary

**Jenny Gordon**  
Heart Throb Auxiliary

**Jenny Holmes**  
Parkville Auxiliary

**Jillian Harrison OAM**  
Parkville Auxiliary

**Jo Allen**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Joan Bradbury**  
Pelican Auxiliary

**Joan Carroll**  
Southern Rainbows  
Auxiliary

**Joan Courtney**  
Smiley Auxiliary

**Joan Davies**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Joan Latreille**  
Toorak/South Yarra  
Auxiliary

## LIVING TREASURES CONTINUED

**Joan Layet**  
Kooyong Lawn Tennis  
Club Auxiliary

**Joan Lord**  
Black Rock Auxiliary

**Joan Noonan**  
Knox-Sherbrooke  
Auxiliary

**Jocelyn Perry**  
Toorak/South Yarra  
Auxiliary

**John Graham**  
OARA

**John Hooper**  
LARCH

**Joyce Johnson**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Joyce Stephenson**  
Geelong Auxiliary

**Judith Arms**  
Pankina Auxiliary

**Judith McKenna**  
Beaumaris Auxiliary

**Judy Conn**  
South Western Auxiliary

**June Atkinson**  
Caroline Auxiliary

**June Box**  
LARCH

**June Campbell-Grigg**  
Broadmeadows  
Auxiliary

**June Hawkins**  
Southern Rainbows  
Auxiliary

## K

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